



Joint Information Center
Disaster Field Office
Lexington, Kentucky



FEMA

Media Advisory

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KYEM Contact: 502-607-1611
SBA Contact: 404-895-7345

COMMONWEALTH/FEMA OPEN JOINT INFORMATION CENTER IN LEXINGTON

LEXINGTON, KY. – A Joint Federal/Commonwealth Information center (JIC) has been established in Lexington to provide information to the media about disaster recovery programs available to Kentuckians as a result of President Obama's May 11, 2010 disaster declaration.

The declaration is in response to the damage and losses caused by the severe storms, floods, mudslides and tornadoes that began May 1, 2010, and continuing.

Public information officers from Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to answer questions about disaster recovery programs.

The telephone numbers **for the Media are:**

FEMA News Desk: 859-425-3544

U.S. Small Business Administration: 404-895-7345

KYEM: 502-607-1611

Residents and business owners who have storm damages should register for federal disaster assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free registration number **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. Those with hearing or speech impairments may call (TTY) **1-800-462-7585**. The teleregistration numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

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Additional information about this disaster is available at www.fema.gov and www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.